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Evaluation:

SUBJECT: OBZ (OBVODOVA BEZPECNOSTI ZPRAVODAJSTVI)

1. Concerning the informant, SRB, see the report entitled George SRB, written by Ensign HUNTER of the 6 AG T Force, 6 May 1946. SRB was asked by FLUSH to write what he knows about the "Czech Secret Service", because he claims to know something about such matters. His report on the OBZ, the Czech Intelligence Agency, follows:

2. "OBZ is a Czech Abwehr. It is under the War Ministry in Prague, and its headquarters are in Prague/Hsadcany. There are two sub-regional headquarters, one in Brno and one in Bratislava.

3. "OBZ posts are occupied by people friendly to the Soviets. The OBZ chief is the War Minister, SVOBODA, who was the commanding general of the Czech Army fighting with the Red Army.

4. "People who have been interrogated by OBZ say that most OBZ personnel are young Czech Army members. Most of these people are Slovaks (not Czech); most of them have their homes in Slovakia. All the leading people of OBZ have had Soviet intelligence training. OBZ has a separate section working outside the Czech boundaries. Its interrogations run along security-counter-intelligence lines."

5. SRB was arrested 1 June 1946, on the denunciations of a Czech liaison officer (a captain) that he was a "Gestapo man" and that the Czech government would be interested in his repatriation.

6. SRB was released on my intervention and CIC suspicion that the Czech officer "wanted to play CIC for suckers". The officer wished to sit in on SRB's interrogation, although he was not certain of anything in SRB's background and knew only his present address. Since it has lately happened so often that either CIC's or my informants have been denounced, SRB was released, pending any concrete charges by the Czechs.

7. SRB will be worked by FLUSH. His address is Hapsburgerstrasse 3/II, Munich.

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